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Yukon River Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C Federal Public Waters Drift Gillnet Fishing Time For the Week of July 9

Federal subsistence users may use drift gillnets for the subsistence harvest of king salmon in Federal public waters in Yukon River Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C from June 10 through July 14. Those wishing to participate in this fishery must obtain and possess a permit. Identification confirming local residency is required to obtain a free permit. Permits and fishing area maps are available from the refuge office in Galena (1-800-656-1231 or 656-1231).

These Federal public waters are within the Innoko and Nowitna National Wildlife Refuges. **State waters between Ruby and Galena are closed to the use of drift gillnets.** Subsistence fishermen should consult both State and Federal regulations or contact an Alaska Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service office before subsistence fishing. Drift gillnets are limited to no more than 150 feet in length and 35 meshes in depth. Mesh size is unrestricted.

The liberalization of the regular District 4 subsistence fishing schedule to 7 days per week was effective 6:00 p.m. Thursday, July 6. With one subsistence fishing period the week of July 9, there will be one drift gillnet opening for 36 hours from noon (12:01 p.m.) Thursday, July 13 to midnight (11:59 p.m.) Friday, July 14. This eighth period is being extended beyond the regulatory 18 hours to provide fishers additional fishing opportunity. **This will be the last 2006 drift gillnet period for Subdistricts 4-B and 4-C due to the regulatory closing date of July 14.** After the season is over, fishermen should complete and return their federal permit to either the issuing office or by prepaid mail.

Sunday July 9	Monday July 10	Tuesday July 11	Wednesday July 12	Thursday July 13	Friday July 14	Saturday July 15
Regular Subsistence Fishing Open	Regular Subsistence Fishing Open	Regular Subsistence Fishing Open	Regular Subsistence Fishing Open	Regular Subsistence Open all day Drift Opens at Noon	Both Regular Subsistence and Drift Open all day.	Regular Subsistence Fishing Open

4-B and 4-C Drift Fishing Closes at 11:59 PM

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